Some Opinions Regarding Ball Players and Actors.

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GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

Sometimes there is much to be learned from comparisons and sometimes there is nothing at all. Comparisons when correctly and opportunely made always contain some interesting features and are, as a rule, well worth the studying. During the last few days, however, Mrs. Helen Danvray Ward has come before the public comparing ball players and actors in a way that I fear will not redound to that lady's calculative and literary merit. It might be fairer to say, perhaps, that she contrasts ball players and actors. However a correct definition of what the lady's effort is may be immaterial. The great object of Mrs. Ward is to show that ballplayers, as far as their salaries are concerned, are an impe cunious and down-trodden lot compared with actors. Unfortunately, however, in arguing her case Mrs. Ward gets sadly astray in statistica matters and leaves one considerably muddled For instance, when making comparisons rela-tive to the cost of a ball team and a theatrical company, she quotes the salary list of the New York Club at \$40,000. This cannot be correct because that of Pitts-burg was \$54,000 last year, and certainly the New York aggregate hat must have been higher than Pittsburg. Well, this error means that Mrs. Ward get out with a mistaken no-tion as to facts, and consequently the remainder of her statements are not logically reliable. The truth is the expenses of a first-crass baseball team are considerably higher than Mrs. Ward thinks. Pittsburg's expense last year were nearly \$100,000. But Mrs. Ward run, which are almost unknown to theatrical empanies. Ball players entirely depend on the weather, and the club may remain absolutely lie for several days on account of rain. Doubt less Mrs. Ward has a comprehensive knowledge of matters theatrical, but the talented lady would be none the worse by knowing a little more about the financial affairs of baseball.

Why the Differences Exist.

Mrs. Ward, however, seems to see in some particular instances wide differences between the salaries of actors and ball players, and apparently has many regrets because the ball players have the worst of the comparison. Mrs. Ward may or may not know that there are very sound reasons for this difference; just as sound as the reasons or causes which enable an artist to command more as salary than a sign painter. I do not assume that Mrs. Ward has commenced her comparison without hav-ing some idea of economics; but it is fair to say ing some idea of economics; but it is fair to say that sound economic principles have not guded her deliberation on the question. In this connection I will be bold enough to draw Mrs. Ward's attention to another lady—an authoress of repute. I mean Millicent Garrett Fawcett. I feel satisfied that a perusal of her writings will plainly show why a Booth, an Irving, a Barrett can command and really ought to have a bigger remuneration for their services than prominent ball players. The cost of production of an actor is considerably more than that of a ball player, and what is more important still the talent of a first-class actor is rarer and, therefore, more valuable than that of a ball player. ore, more valuable than that of a ball player Talented actors have, in the way of their tal-cuts, monopolies varying in degree of close-ness. An actor like Booth has a close monoponess. An actor like Booth has a close monopoly, because no other tragedian in the country can come near him in genius. All other high salaried actors have more or less monopolies, and therefore can command a higher salary than the ordinary. I am aware that the same may be said of ball players. This is true to a certain extent. No ball player has such a close monopoly as leading actors; that is, any player could be substituted in a team with less injurious effect to public attraction than would result from substituting certain leading actors in particular companies. The truth is, however, that it is easier to be a ball player than an actor. I think there will be no dispute on this point. At easier to be a ball player tinan an actor. I think there will be no dispute on this point. At least I venture to say that neither Mrs. Ward nor any other actress would feel complimented by anyone making comparisons between their profession and that of a female bicycle rider. profession and that of a female bicycle rider, Both are sources of amusements, but one is on a higher plane because it is intellectual and the other is almost entirely physical. The tendency of modern civilization is to place rare intellectual attainments at a premium. I don't wish to say anything that may be in the least construed to mean that I'm opposing high salaries among ball players. Let them get all they can. The public pays them, as a rule, and as soon as the public appreciates the talent of a ball player as much as it does that of Edwin Booth, we may expect the former to have as big a salary as the latter.

Those Rigid Moral Rules. I had a long conversation the other day with Manager Phillips regarding some unexplained features of the classification scheme. I am free to confess, too, according to Mr. Phillips' interpretation of the plan, it is far more sweeping than I at first anticipated. I now repeat Mr. Phillips' idea of it. He said: "It is well understood among ourselves how the rule is to be carried out. The officials of each club are be carried out. The officials of each club are to report to President Young regarding the moral conduct of each player. Whenever a player is fined the fact will be reported to President Young. The local officials are, therefore, the persons who will keep watch on the players. Judging from the expressions of opinions by all the League representatives at the recent Washington meeting, I think every club means to take advantage of the classification rule in trying to keep players sober and steady. In the past some players have been favored by the officials of their club; that is, they have not been punished for any violation of rules. If this is done in future the League may probably want to know the reason why. For instance, if the Boston players were in this city and two or three of them were to join with two or three of our players in a night of dissicity and two or three of them were to join with two or three of our players in a night of dissi-pation and our players were to be fined while the visitors were not, we would demand an inquiry. Wherever we know that a player of any club has violated agrile and escaped either being fined or reported to President Young we ought to have the matter explained. The classification rule must be enforced with the utmost firmness and impartiality all round. If it is not matters may be worse than they ever were.

County League Mistakes. The Allegheny County Baseball League has had an erratic time of it during the last few weeks, but it is to be hoped that its troubles, or at least the bulk of them, are past. Probably the arranging of the schedule has been the most troublesome thing that the young men have had to encounter. There is much that could be said in palliation of any mistakes the League may have made on that score disthe League may have made on that score dispite the fact that some very ungenerous things
have been publicly said about the officials of
the organization. The great desire of the old
members of the League was to try and give
everybody what they wanted. To do this each
club was allowed a representative on the
Schedule Committee, and the unusual number
was just what spoiled the entire business.
However, experience is a good teacher, and
next year the mistakes made this senson may
be avoided. I am told that the ten clubs in the
League are all in excellent condition and that
the prospects are of the best.

Tim Keefe's Declaration. One of the interesting features of the week has been the declaration of Tim Keefe regarding the Players' Brothernood. Mr. Keefe confidently informs the public that the brotherhood has a surprise in store; that mat-ters between the brotherhood and the League are not settled yet by any means; Ward to do many things within a very few days, and the imperative League is to be snubbed. The famous New York pitcher, however, does not tell us what the surprise will be, and we may.

time. During the last few months dozens of players, and good ones, have signed, and certainly these players will never think of violating any contracts that they have made for the season. Undoubtedly there are many grievances, and glaring ones, that demand the attention of the brotherhood, but the opportune time for trying to remedy these grievances has passed for a period. This is not creditable to the brotherhood officials. Whatever the brotherhood's surprise may consist of on Tuesday, the fact remains that almost all the League players are signed. Of course, there is a case or two that can be dealt with by the brotherhood, but they directly refer to individuals. Jim Whitney's difficulty and the question of Ward's transfer may be matters that will be dealt with. However, they are insignificant compared to any decided stand that all members of the brotherhood might have taken.

About the Pugillata.

It might not be wide of the mark to say that no greater changes have taken place in the me-chanical world during the past 20 or 30 years than in the pugilistic world. The time was when the most prominent members of the fistic arena would fight as only brave men will for \$50 or \$100 a side. However, nowadays the young generation of bruisers who have made what they call their "reputations," in glove contests, ridicule the idea of entering a ring for \$1,000 a side. The latest person to ascend this pedestal is Jack McAuliffe. He refuses to fight Daly for anything so small as \$1,000 a side, but condescends to say that he will accommodate Daly for \$2,000 a side. This ought to make old-timers wince. However, there is a cause for McAuliffe's action, and that is the large amount of money there is in boxing contests, etc. From a business point of view we need not be surprised to find McAuliffe Objecting to the \$1,000 proposal when he received nearly \$4,000 lately for taking part in one of the best pugilistic burlesques we have ever had. Everything in the pugilistic world has gotten, or is rapidly getting, down to a system, the object of which is to get money even at the cost of honor, glory or anything else. McAuliffe claims to be champion lightweight of America and most assuredly he ought to be prepared to defend the title against anybody who wants to fight for \$1,000 a side, the man who objects to that amount of money as being too small is not eager to fight at all. what they call their "reputations," in glove

Biakeleck a Disappointment. It would seem that the lightweights who are coming to this country from England for some time past are all proving failures. Excepting Jem Carney we had not imported a good man of that class. Jake Hyams was heralded as Carney's equal at least, but when face to face with McAuliffe he proved an utter failure. During the week we have had another disapwith McAuliffe be proved an utter failure. During the week we have had another disappointment. For a long time the public has been led to believe that Sam Blakelock was and extraordinary lightweight pugilist, so much so that Samuel couldn't secure a match of any kind for a very long time. He had made up his mind to return to his native beath when the 'Frisco people gave him a chance to pulverize Jimmy Carroll. As a result, however, Carroll settled Blakelock completely in less than 20 rounds. This was a surprise, and it goes to show that Blakelock must have been much inferior to what his friends thought him. Carroll is not a first-class man, although he is a good boxer and fighter. The decisive defeat of Hyams and Blakelock would seem to lead us to believe that there is only a poor crop of lightweights over in England just now. At any rate, if the Britishers rate Hyams and Blakelock as anything near first-class the standard beyond the Atlantic is not very high. However, I am certain that there are much better lightweights in England than either of the men named. No matter who comes to this country in the way of a performer he is boomed in the most extravagant way for financial purposes. Of course I am aware that rumors are current to the effect that Blakelock was "bought." This may or may not have been true. If he was bribed, however, it only makes him more unreliable than a bad fighter. Whatever way we look at the matter there is no credit for Blakelock.

Smith and Mitchell. Unexpected difficulties are apparently looming up in the way of the Smith-Mitchell glove contest. It was intended to bring the affair off in Her Majesty's Theater, but bruisers fair off in Her Majesty's Theater, but bruisers in England as in America, propose and the powers that be dispose. The contest according to latest advices has to take place in private. This will be a heavy financial blow to the promoters. It is understood, however, that the admission fee will be \$25 each. There will be a large crowd at this figure, but the total receipts will be far below what would be realized in a theater. What the result will be I will not venture to say. A "draw" will not surprise me. Gi course Mitchell's great forte is boxing, and if he cannot defeat Smith at this he can beat him at nothing. The latter, however, is also a very quick and clever man with the gloves and should he desire to win his chances of victory are good.

The announcement made in this paper on Monday to the effect that efforts are being made to organize a bonz fide amateur boat club in this vicinity has prompted considerable comment of a favorable kind on the matter among amateur athletes generally. It may, therefore, follow that the athletes in conjunction with the oarsmen will endeavor to re-es-tablish amateurism in this locality in its purest form. A prominent local all-round athlete who has won numerous prizes and who is still a good performer, called at this office the other day and offered the following suggestions which cannot fail to interest the dozens of young athletes in the two cities. He said: "During the past few weeks a number of local amateurs have been talking among themselves about the great necessity of organizing a big amateur athletic association. Of course we know that several attempts have been made heretofore without much success. I question, however, whether there were ever so many young men taking athletic exercises in and about Pittsburg as there are now. There are numerous little clubs, and scarcely one that can be called a thorough going club. What is required is an organization that will not only be large enough to support itself in first-class style, but will also be able to enter any of its best members in the national contests.
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"An organization of this kind can be formed "An organization of this kind can be formed without any way interfering with the clubs now in existence. These small clubs could still maintain their identity, if it was so desired, because the big organization could be made a distinct body and young men could be allowed to be members of any one of those clubs and also of the proposed association. Those clubs could even form an association, just as the hunting and fishing clubs have done. The benefits would be numerous, as the association would be able to put any promising amateur athlete forward. The cost, divided, as it would be, among many members, would be comparatively light. Beside the organization would certainly aid to a very great extent in re-establishing many manly out-door sports in public favor. I know many prominent young gentlemen who are wishful to assist in the formation of an amateur athletic association. ormation of an amateur athletic asso All that is needed is a few to set the ball a-rolling. If about a dozen would forward their names and suggestions to THE DISPATCH, not for publication but merely as a means of having a meeting called, I think that a start could be made."

A Worthy Scheme. There is much truth in the above suggestions, and, doubtless, everybody at all interested in athletic sports will readily see their worth. It is quite true that during recent years Pitts-burg has fallen considerably behind in all branches of amateur sport, except probably bicycle riding. This decline is not because of a lack of suitable material, because it is safe to

say that there are more promising athletes in and about Pittsburg now than there ever was. The cause of the decline has certainly been the absence of such an organization as above reabsence of such an organization as above referred to. All the prominent amateurs of the world, as a rule, have been put forward as representatives of some club or association, and the performer's expenses, of course, have been paid by the club. This has ever been one of the greatest incentives toward the development of the remarkable amateurs who have left records behind them. There have been some good men in Pittsburg who would doubtless have made a national reputation had there been a solid organization behind them to back them up financially. It is the life and success of any athletic club to have a champion on its list. The truth of this can be found in the fact that all the club or associations of national or international regulation have champions of some kind. Added to this is the fact that this great prominence referred to gives an impetus to healty athletic exercise; popularizes it and, therefore, makes more vigorous young men.

vigorous young men. Amnteur Martin's Opinion. John Martin, the local amateur oarsmalooked in to see me on Friday and pointed out looked in to see me on Friday and pointed out the necessity of having a therough-going ama-teur club organized. Already Mr. Martin has applied for entry to the Shadyside regatta, and has been refused because he is not connected with an amateur club. This is a hardship to a promising young sculler like Martin. He thinks that he can defeat many of the prominent amateur scullers in the country. It is to be hoped he will get a try.

PRINGLE.

Danny Needham in Town. Danny Needham, the well-known light-weight pugilist, is in the city. He is somewhat amous New York pitcher, however, does not tell us what the surprise will be, and we may, therefore, "go aguessing" until Tuesday. However, I repent now what I said last week about the brotherhood—it is too late in the day in starting. Had the brotherhood been at all worthy the name of an organization its voice would have been heard at the proper

A GAME IN AUCKLAND

The Exciting Game of Baseball Given by Maoris.

HOME-MADE BATS AND BALLS USED Catching on to the American Idea of Bully-

ing the Umpire. THE OLD-TIME RULES WOULD NOT WORK

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATURAL NEW YORK, March 23 .- The seed of the reat American game has been sown broadcast over the world, and here and there it has doubtless taken root. It would seem impossible that the game should be played in any community by two such nines as those included in the aggregation that has made the circuit of the globe during the winter without winning the enthusiastic admiration of the spectators. Baseball must have been recognized by many sportloving men of the antipodes as the finest de-velopment of outdoor team athletics that the world has seen. The game's merits once recognized, its adoption must follow. How many crude attempts have been made to play it in Australia, Ceylon, India, Egypt, Italy and other countries cannot be said, but there have been ne interesting efforts in New Zealand.



Result of a Wild Pitch. peared in Auckland it was known in this country that the enterprising inhabitants of that city were anxious to give \$100 a month and traveling expenses to some expert American who would go over there and spend a season. instructing the inhabitants in the game. No one has yet taken the offer, but it is said to be still open. Meantime the New Zealanders have tried their hands at baseball without the services of an instructor. How they succeeded may best told by Mr. James T. Cranston, formerly a resident of this country, and now in this city on a business trip for his Auckland

SURPRISING AND OLD TIMER. "It was like a breath of air from one's native place," said Mr. Cranston, "to see the good old game played in Auckland. Yet I could not witness the scene without sadness, for somehow in the nearly 20 years since I used to play it in this country, the game has undergone several strange changes. My memory was first offended by the bird-cage arrangement that I. saw lying on the grass near the catcher. I had no notion of what its use could be until the catcher put it on, and what was my surprise to see the umpire put one on also! Before that point was reached, however, I was startled by another circumstance that, if I had been quick enough, might have explained the bird cage. That was the extraordinary style of delivering the ball, and the tremendous speed it attained. In my time, you know, the ball was pitched, not In my time, you know, the ball was parened, not thrown, and the effect was a mere toss, compared to the cannon ball velocity at which your pitchers now send it. It did not seem as if a man could hit the ball, much less send it outside the diamond. It was a great surprise to see a striker bat the hall away out of reach of the outfielders. And so on throughout the game there was a succession of surprises for an old-



Reference Had to the Rules. timer, the spiendid field play by which the score was kept down to a few tallies instead of running up to 20 or more on a side.

"Well, the game caught on, as you say, and all Auckiand was agog about it. The nines had not been gone a week when an attempt was made by a number of citizens to play a game. I took my share in the proceedings, though not as a player. As a former resident of America I was looked upon as the most available candidate for that extremely undesirable office, the umpireship. I found an ancient book of rules in my effects and read up on the subject. I had hardly perused a page before I saw great difficulties getting ready to confront me.

A CHANGE OF RULES.

A CHANGE OF RULES. "I found, for instance, something about inine balls, take your base," with provision for allowing the pitcher one or two initial tries on him before calling a ball on him. I recalled that in the game your professional nines played there was no such leniency shown by the umpire, and that fewer balls were called before the striker took a free base. What would my New Zealand friends say about this conflict of authority? Then there used to be a rule that a foul, or the third strike caught on the first bound operated to put the striker out.



Collided in Running for a Fly.

I began to tremble. It would be inciting to manslaughter to let these vigorous amateurs fire a hard ball at the striker as they had seen it done, and not one of them would dare to stand close behind the bat, or if be did, he should be forcibly prevented for his own sake and the maintenance of his family. Yet it was doubtful if they would permit the old easy rule of out on first bound to operate. They were plainly ambitious to play the game they had seen, not some crudely developed fossil of a previous era. I was tempted to use my infinence to dissuade them from trying the game, but that would have been useless. They were thoroughly determined.

"With many misgivings I assisted in laying out a diamond on an open lot some distance out of town, for in one respect, at least, they were reasonable. They did not propose that their first experiment should be witnessed by a great crowd, and jeeringly compared with the wonderful exhibition made by the visitors. We did not have an ideal set of the instruments employed in the game. Many of the men were cricket players, and brought along cricket bats. The nearest approach to a baseball bat was a club that one enterprising gentleman had fashioned from at oar handle. The bases were stones picked by in the neighborhood. The ball had been made especially for the occasion.

"Pop" Smith Arrived in the city last night, but had no conference with Manager Phillips. but had no conference with Manager Phillips. The has cebance arrived to do good service for the local club if he has a chance.

Manager Phillips states that the players will do no work to-morrow. They will report at the club rules read. It is expected that the players are expected to arrive advanced in the balance, except Garfield, Sunday, Carroll and Hanlon, will arrive on Monday. Manager Phillips has forwarded the club's advertising sheets to the Western cities where the club will play.

The Independents in Time.

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The Independent Baseball Club has organized for the season, and the players are I began to tremble. It would be inciting to

A cricket ball had been suggested, but it was abandoned as being insulted to severe play. So we had one made of hard wound yarn and clastics, and covered with leather. It answered the purpose very well. There were no masks. THE TROUBLE COMMENCES. "Before the game began I endeavored to persuade the enthusiasts to adopt the old style of pitching, but that was too much like bowl-ing to suit. For a time the play progressed

An Unnecessary Slide, without trouble, though the efforts of the strikers to hit the ball were ludicrous enough to all but themselves. Then the inevitable wild pitch came. The striker nearly fell over under the force of the blow, and you may depend upon it that the umpire got out of the way as fast as he could. The pitcher promptly professed his sorrow, but the man at the bat was mad clear through. He exercised his jaw as good deal and wanted to lay down his club and draw out; so I had to insist that in America there was an unwritten law that any man declining to play after being hit, was declared out, to the consequent detriment of his side's interests. That aroused the injured man's pride and spite, and he went to work again.

"The next difficulty occurred when two men ran for the same fly and missed it by colliding with each other. Each thought the other to blame, and time had to be called to reconcile them. In fact it began to look as if the position of umpire was to be the unusual one of peacemaker, instead of general disturber. I was rudely disabused of this impression, however, when I failed to call 'foul' for a ball that struck inside the diamond and rolled over the line before reaching first base. The men in the field promptly came marching in to argue the matter in such a familiar way, that I saw with terror that they were catching on to the American style. I called time to save myself from any disagreeable consequences, and consented to hear opinions. without trouble, though the efforts of the

THEY SCORNED THE UMPIRE. "They had watched the travelling nines more charply than I had, or interviewed the players, or done something to learn that fine point that



Would Not Throw the Ball. pointed to the rule in my book defining a fair ball: They knew better, and scorned me for an antediluvian. The worst was that most of the players in whose favor I had decided backed up their opponents as against me specially alleging that they wanted to play the game right or not at all, and various remarks derogatory to the umpire were made on all sides. I yielded, but the bad impression of me conyielded, but the bad impression of me continued through the game, and when a runner fell down on home base while the catcher jumped vainly in the air for a high-thrown ball, there were sarcastle inquiries as to whether the man was not out. I bore it as well as I could, and to smooth over matters I suggested to a pitcher, who had been very much worked up over my calling of balls, that it was better not to chase a runner to first base, but to throw the ball to the baseman and thus make sure of a put out. Now, I meant that in kindness, but not only he took offense at it, as coming from a man who showed his ignorance of the game, but all the other players howled that I was giving points partially. Oh! I tell you it was a great game!"

"Your temporary absence from New Zealand, Mr Cranston," asked the writer, "has no rela-

great game!"
"Your temporary absence from New Zealand,
Mr. Cranston," asked the writer, "has no relation to your umpiring experience?"
Mr. Cranston screwed down the corners of
his mouth and looked meditatively out of one eye.

"I am in America on business." he said. "I
think that all unfortunate excitement about
the game will have blown over before I get
back."
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TEEMER'S CHALLENGE.

He Issues an Emphacic Defiance to the Entire Fraternity. John Teemer, the McKeesport oarsman starts the ball to rolling in the aquatic world this season with the issue of the challenge be-

To the Sporting Editor of The Dispatch: I hereby challenge any man in America (Gaudaur preferred) to row me a series of three single scull races, each for \$500 a side. First race to be three miles, second four miles and third five miles. The winner of two out of three races to take the full stake money of the three races and 75 per cent of the gate money, and should he win two straight races to not be compelled to row the third race? I whould he not desire to do so, Each man to select a place for one race and the third race to be rowed on mutual water, should it take place. The first race must take place not later than June 12, the second two weeks later and the third to follow two weeks afterward. This challenge is open to any man in America, but Gaudaur is preferred, as both he and myself have been defeated by O'Connor, and as Mr. St. John is about to match him to row O'Connor again, I would prefer that he accept my challenge and row me first, and let the winner of the series of races row O'Connor, and the loser step back.

I would like to receive early notification through The Disparch of the acceptance of the above and will immediately afterward arrange for placing a deposit, signing articles and selecting final stake-holder. I hereby challenge any man in America (Gaudau)

SOME BALL AVERAGES. Pittsburg Ball Players Object to Tri-State League Records.

It is interesting to know how minor league averages are made up. If the reports of Lauer and other local players are correct, some of the youngsters of Pittsburg have been unfairly dealt with in the tri-State league. A day or two ago Lauer and a friend visited A day or two ago Lauer and a friend visited Zanesville, and discovered that the official scorer of that club had been in a quarrel with the league or club officials. He had not been paid his full salary for the season, and as a result withheld the records of 20 games. No admonitions, in the absence of Casey, could influence the scorer to give up these records, and the allegation is that President Dermitt made up the records himself. This deal, or manipulation, it is claimed, gave McSbannic, Hutchinson, the two Gumberts, Lauer and Fry the worst of it. McShannic, particularly, claims that his records have been depreciated by the misunderstanding.

LOCAL BALL GOSSIP. "Pop" Smith Arrives-What the Players Will Do To-Morrow.

Our American Boys Give the English Players a Tussle at

Johnny Ward Arrives in New York and Says a Few Words.

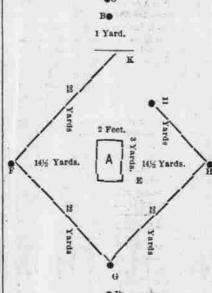
THE PROGENITOR OF BASEBALL

GOSSIP ABOUT THE LOCAL BALL CLUB

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(BY CARLE TO THE DISPATCH.)

LIVERPOOL, March 23.—[Copyright.]—
The American teams retired at Lancaster last night and swoke in Liverpool at an early hour this morning. The train diffund attract as much attention as at other places, and no demonstration was made of any kind. The weather was cloudy and threatened 7,00 and 8,000 people gathered at the Police Train, but notwithstanding this between 7,00 and 8,000 people gathered at the Police Train, but notwithstanding this between 7,00 and 8,000 people gathered at the Police Train, but notwithstanding this between 7,00 and 8,000 people gathered at the Police Train, but notwithstanding this between 7,00 and 8,000 people gathered at the Police Train, but notwithstanding this between 7,00 and 8,000 people gathered at the Police Train, but notwithstanding this between 7,00 and 8,000 people gathered at the Police Train, but notwithstanding this between 7,00 and 8,000 people gathered at the Police Train, but notwithstanding this between 1,000 and 1,000 people gathered at the Police Train, but notwithstanding this between 1,000 and 1,000 people gathered at the Police Train, but notwithstanding this between 1,000 and 1,000 people gathered at the Police Train, but notwithstanding this between 1,000 and 1,000 people gathered at the Police Train, but notwithstanding this between 1,000 and 1,000 people gathered at the Police Train, but notwithstanding this between 1,000 and 1,000 people gathered at the Police Train, but notwithstanding this between 1,000 and 1,000 people gathered at the Police Train, but notwithstanding this between 1,000 and 1,000 people gathered at the Police Train, but notwithstanding this between 1,000 and 1,000 people gathered at the Police Train, but notwithstanding the Police Train, but notwith



A-Bowler's box and bowler. F-First base.
R-Back stop. G-Second base.
C-Long stop. H-Third base.
L-Umpire. K-Striking base.

B—Center point.

E—Umpire.

Here are some other rules of the game: The number of innings and time of draw is arranged by the respective captains before commencing a match, and when a team is 30 runs behind it is compulsory for it to "follow on."

When there is but one batsman at the striking base, he must strike at one of six good balls or be "out;" and the innings shall only be terminated by the batsman being caught out, or the "touching base" being struck with the ball by a fielder while the batsman is running the bases. When there is only one man left on the batting side he shall be entitled to claim a rest of five minutes after running the bases before being called upon to take his place at the striking base.

When a club has made a winning score it shall have the option of terminating the same. when a club has made a winning score it shall have the option of terminating the same.

An umpire is appointed by the competing clubs, and should there be two decided upon they, shall act together, one giving his attention entirely to the bases, while the other attends solely to the bowling.

HE MEANS BUSINESS.

Ed. Nikirk Puts Up a Forfelt to Run Ridge. Ed. Nikirk is not at all daunted by his failures as a five-mile runner. Last evening he left the following business-like challenge: this office: "I will run Joe Ridge, of Braddock, on any fair local track a five-mile race for \$100 a side. I accompany my challenge with a forfeit of \$10 to show that I mean busiwith a forfeit of \$10 to show that I mean business. I will meet Ridge or his representatives at the DISPATCH office on Monday evening between 7 and 8 o'clock prepared to make a match."

It is likely that a race will take place between Nikirk and Ridge, because the latter is looked upon as a promising "stayer" in the pedestrian business, and Nikirk is considered a non-stayer. Nikirk's forfeit is now in the keeping of the sporting editor of this paper.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) TORONTO, O., March 23.-In a nine-hou amateur go-as-you-please race completed to-night the results were: Moore, 54 miles 2 laps; Rodney Ollam, 49 miles; Jerry Barney, with-drew, 28 miles. First prize, \$25; second. \$10. Moore did excellent work, this being his first appearance on the track.

There will be two races at the Union Rink, Allegheny, on Thursday evening. The first will be a mile race, the contestants being Kennedy, Carruthers and Dawson. The second contest will be a two mile race between Guy and Morrison for \$25 a side.

Under Any Rules. A dispatch from Jimmy Rowan to this office yesterday stated that he is willing to fight Bert

The Great Shortstop Home Again, Where

He Wants to Stay. New York, March 23.—John M. Ward, the hortstop of the New York club, arrived on shortstop of the New York club, arrived on steamship Saale this morning. He is the same Ward as of old, probably a little more English in his ways, and a little worn looking, but nevertheless he looks as though he could play good ball as he ever did. Ward is not the only great basebail man in town. President Hewitt, of the Washington club, is also here, and so are Conant and Billings, of the Boston club. They want leave to want Ward but of course

ABOUT ROUNDERS.

Rules and Dingram of the English Old-Time Game.

Rounders, as now played, originated in Liverpool many years ago. There are seven fixed positions in the game, the balance of the II having roving commissions, as there are no foul lines. The bat is paddle-shaped. The pitcher can make a run of two or three yards in delivering the ball. Two "bad" balls delivered to a batter counts one for the batting team. If a batter strikes at a ball and misses it he is out.

DIAGRAM OF A FIELD.

This diagram shows how the ground is laid out and the players distributed:

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ABOUT ROUNDERS.

A II Holds, a Canadian and a cowboy, There are Irishmen, Englishmen, Scotchmen, Germans and Americans. There certainly will be a race between Noremac, Golden and Connors. They are waiting for each other, and it is likely that none of them will win. Cox is looked upon as a good outsider, and Frank Hart, the winner of the 'Frisco for the will win. Cox is looked upon as a good outsider, and Frank Hart, the winner of the 'Frisco for them will win. Cox is looked upon as a good outsider, and Frank Hart, the winner of the 'Frisco face, thinks he is in good enough condition to finish in first place. Guerero, who was sick at 'Frisco, wants to be a winner here, and he can probably be so if he has pluck enough. Hart and Guerrero will leave 'Frisco for this city within a day or two. The track at the Central rink will be put into first-class condition. So far there are 3! entries and more are expected. Following are the entries: F. H. Hart, 'Frisco; Peter Golden, New York; George D. Noremae, Philadelphia; Sam Day, Paterson, N. J.; Peter Hegelman, New York; Henry O. Messier, Omaha, Neb; Thomas Cox, Parkersburg; Harry Williams, Philadelphia; John Hughes, New York; Dan Washburn, St. Louis; J. J. Engledrum, Chicago; William A. Smith, New York; Affred Elson, Connecticut: John Mackey, Christmati, the entry of the Ohio Valley Alley of the Chicago; William Nolan, Pitsburg; William Nolan, Pitsburg; William Nolan, Pitsburg; an Indian, a Canadian and a cowboy. There are Irishmen, Englishmen, Scotchmen, Germans and

THERE IS NO TROUBLE. Homestend Has No Objections to Gumber or Anybody Else. A representative of THE DISPATCH approached the officials of the Homestead Baseball Club with reference to the statements in certain morning papers yesterday to the effect that the East End Athletics and Homestead club were fussing over the probable playing of Ad. Gumbert and John Tener with the

Athletics during the coming season. The fact of the matter is that the officials of the Home-stead club have no knowledge of any discusstead club have no knowledge of any discussion on the point whatever. They are perfectly willing that the Athletics shall play the players named, or even "Pap" Anson or \$10,000 Kelly, if they choose.

The Homestead club made no objection last year to John Tener playing. So far the Homestead club is satisfied with the make-up of all the clubs in the League. They are satisfied with the schedule and the proposed rules, and are on the best of terms with the Athletics and all other teams. Manager Jones states that his members are all signed except one. The uniforms have been ordered, and he is ready for business. There will be no disputes between other nines and his except in the diamond, and then it will be no newspaper disputing.

Youngstown Shooter

Youngstown, O., March 23.—The members of the Gun Club, of this city, had an entertain-Youngstown, O., March 22.—The members of the Gun Club, of this city, had an entertaining time yesterday. Their shoot was a good one. Following are the scores:

First Shoot, 25 Birds—John A. Logan, Jr., 16; John A. Whiteside, 23; C. E. Semple, 11; W. A. Smith, 23; W. J. Hitchcock, Jr., 1b; John Stambaugh, Jr., 10; George L. Fordyce, 15; Warner Arms, 22; D. F. Anderson, 15.

Second Shoot, 25 Birds—John A. Logan, IS; J. N. Whiteside, 24; C. E. Semple, 13; W. A. Smith, 19; W. J. Hitchcock, 13; John Stambaugh, Jr., 10; George L. Fordyce, 16; D. F. Anderson, 16; Warner Arms, 19; Robert Bentley, 25.

Third Shoot, 10 Birds—John A. Logan, Jr., 8; J. N. Whiteside, 9; C. E. Semple, 5; W. A. Smith, 9; W. S. Hitchcock, Jr., 6; John Stambaugh, Jr., 6; George L. Fordyce, 16; D. F. Anderson, 9; W. A. Smith, 9; W. S. Hitchcock, Jr., 6; John Stambaugh, Jr., 6; George L. Fordyce, 16; D. F. Anderson, 9; W. A. Smith, 9; W. S. Hitchcock, Jr., 6; John Stambaugh, Jr., 6; George L. Fordyce, 16; D. F. Our stock is mammoth. ular spring designs in Body at Ingrains, etc. In Chinese and

Yale is Wenithy. NEW HAVEN, March 23.-The committee New HAVEN, March 23.—The committee having in charge the collection of funds for the Yale gymnasium is having unexpected success. The Chairman announces that \$110,000 has already been subscribed for the building and at least \$10,000 more virtually pledged. A letter has been issued to graduates in New York from which it is hoped a large additional sum will result.

A Cribbage Challenge. A gentleman called at this office last evening and stated that he is prepared to match Jame Beardshaw, of this city, to play any local man a match at cribbage. Beardshaw can be matched against anybody else for from \$50 to \$50 a side, the contest to consist of 21 or 31 "legs." Any-body desiring a match can arrange a date of meeting through THE DISPATCH.

The Galvins Ready for Work. The Galvins Ready for Work.

The J. F. Galvins have organized with the following team: C. Harris, catcher; G. Ernest, pitcher; G. Malsch, shortstop; J. Keenan, first base; H. Lighthill, second base; J. Dittmar, third base; W. Cahoon, left field; W. Martin, center field; E. Banker, right field. The club is ready to accept challenges. Address J. H. Dittmar, 22 Beaver avenue, Allegheny.

THE T. M. Marshalis may play a game with he Homesteads shortly. SAN DAY, who is entered for the local sixday ruce, is training Wallace Ross in the road

READER: A man can bet on the election and vote, but if the bet is proven against him the money goes to the Poor Board.

ATTORNEY WATSON filed another statement yesterday in the case of Decker and the League. The latter is now assailed as a partnership concern.

le Anson wants revenge on Liverpool he only need come to Pittsburg, and he'll see a champion team of rounders who will, undoubtedly, beat the world. THE Homesteads are anxious to defeat Mc-Keesport, as the latter wanted to play them all last year. The two clubs open the County league season at Homestead. MANAGER SWARTWOOD, of the Hamilton Club, signed Thomas J. Douse yesterday, Douse was catcher of the Wilkesbarre team last season. Swartwood is a hustler.

makers to the Association of the book-makers to the Association course at the Lex-ington spring meeting seems to be about set-tled. It is now understood that they will not go on as members of the Western Bookmakers' Association, but as individuals.

Association, but as individuals.

THE Braddocks' new grounds are located directly east of the water works, at the foot of the main cross street. It is much easier of access than the old grounds at Rankin station, and the attendance at the games will no doubt be large. The work of constructing the fence has already begun.

THE Homestead club has signed Henry Youngman to fill the vacancy on third base caused by Henry Lauer going with the Athletics. He is one of the cleverst ball players in the Homestead section. His engagement with the Danville club last season was quite flattering to him. He has had overtures this year from Birmingham, Ala., Memphis, Tenn., Springfield, O., Lafayette, Ind., and yesterday declined an offer from W. H. Lucas, of Burlington, Iowa.

JIMMY REAGAN has this to say about Demp-

JIMMY REAGAN has this to say about Dempsey: Jack Dempsey claims to be the middle weight champion of America. My backer put up \$250 forfeit and agreed to back me for \$1,000 to the champion of the champion of the champions of the champion of the champions of the up \$250 forfeit and agreed to back me for \$1,000 a side and the championship against Dempsey, knowing that, being the champion, Dempsey would either have to arrange a match or give up his title. Dempsey has failed to meet my backer or myseif, therefore we withdraw our money, which we will stand ready to again put up should Dempsey agree to arrange a match according to the regular rules which govern the middle-weight championship. I was giving Dempsey from 10 to 14 pounds advantage in weight. Now, as he claims that there is a 140-pound man who can smother me, I wish to inform the "champion" that I will meet any man breathing at weight, and Dempsey at any weight. I know an old veteran Mike Donovan, whom Dempsey said he could defeat in a punch, who smothered him.

WAGES MUST COME DOWN.

The Notices Posted Up by Several Lancaster Iron Firms. LANCASTER, March 23 .- Notices have been posted in the rolling mills of the Columbia Rolling Mill Company, the Susquehanna Iron Company and the Columbia Iron Company that after April 6 \$3 50 per ton will be paid for puddling iron, and JOS. FLEMING & SON, Druggists. other ton men in proportion. The management say that either a reduc-tion or a complete shutdown is necessary. The Penn Iron Company, of this city, has also posted the same notice of reduction.

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